

Exhibit 15

Declaration of Kevin Hamm
(Jul. 17, 2023)

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION**

THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN COURT
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA; ADRIA
JAWORT; RACHEL CORCORAN;
MONTANA BOOK COMPANY; IMAGINE
BREWING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a
IMAGINE NATION BREWING
COMPANY; BUMBLEBEE AERIAL
FITNESS; MONTANA PRIDE; THE
WESTERN MONTANA COMMUNITY
CENTER; THE GREAT FALLS LGBTQ+
CENTER; THE ROXY THEATER; and
THE MYRNA LOY,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AUSTIN KNUDSEN; ELSIE ARNTZEN;
J.P. GALLAGHER; and THE CITY OF
HELENA,

Defendants.

Cause No. CV 22-50-BU-
BMM

Declaration of Kevin Hamm

I, Kevin Hamm, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years, am competent to testify as to the matters set forth herein, and I make this declaration based upon my personal knowledge and belief.
2. I am a resident of East Helena, Montana.
3. I am the founder and president of the board of directors of the Happiness & Joy Foundation, a domestic nonprofit corporation created in 2014 and headquartered in Helena, Montana.
4. The Happiness & Joy Foundation organizes Montana Pride, Montana's annual statewide Pride celebration. I have been the chief organizer of Montana Pride since 2014.
5. Montana Pride is commemorating 30 years of Pride celebrations in Montana this year.
6. Montana Pride celebrates LGBTQ+ pride, acceptance, rights, and achievements. Montana Pride is intended to be a safe space for all individuals, especially those of the LGBTQ+ community.
7. Montana Pride is an all-ages celebration, with events designed to be accessible for anyone who wishes to attend. Events are age-

appropriate, and hosts are deliberate in ensuring the safety of all individuals participating or attending.

8. Montana Pride showcases several forms of entertainment and community-centered events, including drag shows, a parade, artisan markets, local business booths, a rally, and educational events.
9. Educational events that will be featured this year include an Intersex Q&A, a Death Doula event, and Queer Collaging.
10. With more than 15,000 attendees from across the state and country, Montana Pride is the largest Pride event in Montana, a significant tourist attraction, and an economic boon for the Helena region.
11. Montana Pride events are held at a variety of small businesses, in public parks, on public streets, and at other venues throughout Helena, over the course of several days.
12. This year's Montana Pride events are scheduled to begin on July 30, 2023, and end on August 6, 2023.
13. On June 30, 2023, I applied to the City of Helena for the permits necessary for several Montana Pride events to be held on city

property. I resubmitted these applications on July 13, 2023. A true and accurate copy of the applications are attached as Exhibits A and B to this declaration.

14. On July 13, 2023, I met with the City Manager, City Attorney, and other staff of the City of Helena. I was informed that the City of Helena would not issue the requested permits while HB 359 remained in effect and enforceable.
15. The Last Chance Gulch event permits I applied for this year are functionally identical to the permits the City of Helena approved last year.
16. HB 359 appears to prohibit even the partial exposure of prosthetic or natural breasts and buttocks on public property. People regularly expose these portions of the body in many public places, such as public swimming areas.
17. Montana Pride participants regularly wear costumes to celebrate and, because Montana Pride is held in the summertime, many attendees regularly wear clothing that partially exposes breasts and buttocks.

18. As the chief organizer of the Montana Pride events, I am concerned personally about civil and criminal liability under HB 359 and do not know how to limit such liability effectively. I cannot force thousands of attendees to comply with a state-sanctioned dress code.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 17th day of July, 2023, in Helena, Montana.



Kevin Hamm

Exhibit A



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Phone: (406) 447-8422

Email: specialevents@helenamt.gov

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▼ Event

Event Information

Event Name

Montana Pride Banned Brunch

Application Date

7/13/2023

Event Type

Estimated Number of Attendees

Other

400

Drag Show and Street Brunch

A Noise Ordinance Permit is required for an event of this size. The Noise Ordinance Permit is appended to the bottom of this form.

Due to the size of your event a member of the Helena Police Department will be in contact regarding event security details.

Due to the size of your event an Emergency Evacuation Plan is required.

Event Coordinator Information (Person in Charge of the Event)

Name

Kevin Hamm

Email

k@montanapride.org

Cell Phone

406-417-0070

Work Phone

Address

7 W 6th Ave, Ste 3D

Address 2

Helena, MT 59601

Date / Time Information

Does the Event Span Multiple Days?



No



Yes

Event Date

7/30/2023

Start Time

8:00 AM

End Time

4:00 PM

Event Start Date

Event End Date

8/5/2023

Start Time

8:00 AM

End Time

2:00 AM

Section 4b

Event Date

7/30/2023

Start Time

8:00 AM

End Time

4:00 PM

Other Event Information

Proof of Insurance

Insurance Placeholder for permit
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Insurance requirements can be found in
the City Code [§7-9-5](#)

Will your event contain alcohol?



Yes



No

An alcohol permit is required with this
application (alcohol permit is included on
this form).

Will your event take place on the
walking mall?



Yes



No

Barricades are required for parades on
the walking mall.

Will your event take place on a
public park?



Yes



No

Events taking place on a public park
require a different application process.
Please contact Heather Kahler at (406)
447-8463

Though not required, the City of
Helena encourages recycling when
possible. Will recycling be provided
at this event?



Yes



No

Event Security Information

Are you seeking police presence for
your event?



Yes



No

City of Helena Police Agreement

Location / Traffic Control Information

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Will the event require street closures?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Location of Event

Banned Brunch at Front Street

Street Requiring Closure

Front Street between 13th & 14th

[Interactive Map](#)

Area Map

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Traffic Control Plan

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Emergency Evacuation Plan

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▼ Alcohol Permit

Alcohol Permit

General Questions

- ☐ Are you a licensed establishment permitted to sell alcohol?
- ☒ Are you allowing consumption of alcohol as the "host"?

What is your plan for clearly designating areas where alcohol consumption is permitted? Please detail all containment and signs you plan to use?

The street ends will have road signs blocking, with signage on the inside notifying people of the open container space. The bars will be provided by downtown establishments using their catering licenses to sell into the area.

General Guidelines

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Event Sponsors must ensure that participants are checked for legal age if served alcohol.

Insurance Requirements

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Acknowledgements

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I have received, read and agree to the alcohol requirements set forth by the City of Helena and applicable state requirements.



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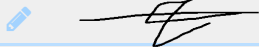
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Noise Ordinance Permit Signature



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Event Start Date Variable Field

7/30/2023

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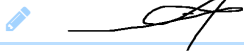
Contact Information

Department	Phone Number	Contact Reason
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Transportation Systems	(406) 447-1566	Traffic Control Plan & Area Map
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I acknowledge that I have received, read, and agree to follow above City of Helena Special Event Policies when holding the requested event. My signature below indicates my knowledge of the rules contained in the City of Helena Special Event Guidelines and Policies, that I have authority to legally bind any organization I represent with regard to this application, and that I /my organization agree(s) to comply with said rules.

Application Signature



▼ Director Approval Step

Comments

Insurance to come.

Digitally Signed (email verified)

 Kammi McClain

Jul 13, 2023

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Exhibit B



City of Helena

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Montana Pride

Application Date

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Event Type

Estimated Number of Attendees

BlockParty

5000

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4064170070

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Date / Time Information

Does the Event Span Multiple Days?

☐ No☒ Yes

Event Date

Start Time

End Time

Event Start Date

Event End Date

Start Time

End Time

7/30/2023

8/5/2023

8:00 AM

11:59 PM

Section 1b

Event Date

Start Time

End Time

7/30/20203

8:00 AM

4:00 PM

Section 1b

Event Date

8/5/2023

Start Time

8:00 AM

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Location of Event

Last Chance Gulch

Street Requiring Closure

Last Chance Gulch & 6th Ave

[Interactive Map](#)

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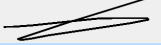
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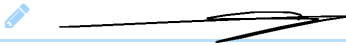
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